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SUBJECT: REDUCTIONS AT TAINAN AIR BASE

1. WE PRESUME YOU ARE AWARE OF IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTION ISSUED MID-MARCH TO PACAF TO CARRY OUT REDUCTION OF TAINAN AND CCK BASES TO CARETAKER STATUS. IN CASE OF TAINAN THIS WAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO LEAVE RESIDUAL FORCE OF NO MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE.

2. TO AVOID BUNCHING UP OF TAINAN AND CCK WITHDRAWALS, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE TAINAN REDUCTIONS ACHIEVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S STRONG SUPPORT TO DATE ON WITHDRAWAL MATTERS, PARTICULARLY IN CASE OF TAINAN AND WOULD WELCOME CONTINUATION OF THESE EFFORTS. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL IMPRESS ON LOCAL COMMANDERS THE NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION ON TAINAN REDUCTIONS AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON PROGRESS TO DATE.

3. WITH REGARD TO TANGO DETACHMENT, WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR
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TO DEFENSE THAT CONTINUED USE OF TAINAN FOR OPERATIONAL

FLIGHTS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, AND THAT DETACHMENT WILL
HAVE TO GO. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT NAVY HAS INDI-
CATED IT HAS NO OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS TO REMOVAL OF TANGO

DETACHMENT, BUT THAT PROBLEM IS NOW BEING HELD UP BY
JCS CONSIDERATION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP PRESSURE
ON DEFENSE FOR EARLY REMOVAL OF THIS ELEMENT. KISSINGER

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